

# Shoreline News

## Steenburg Lake Community Association

Winter 1993

Member F.O.C.A.

### Winter News Notes From Around The Lake

Only about 1" of snow on the ground but the roads are very icy. Lots of standing water and the lake level is very high. As of January 12th you might say that the area is having an open winter. Those of you with cribs could be facing some problems in the spring.

There have been two cottage fires around the lake. Len White, cottage #95 had a chimney fire just before Christmas, and Joe Cooper, #70 had a fire in his chimney in January. Both fires were somewhat contained so they did not burn to the ground.

The OPP patrolling the South Road apprehended 3 youthfull offenders with bolt cutters in their possession.

The Limerick Township Council in a special meeting on December 8th, hired Paul Harris as Chief Building Inspector, By-Law Enforcement Officer, O.H.R.P. Administrator, and Crowe Valley Representative. His summer hours are Thursday and Friday 8:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Limerick Township Fire Department has purchased a new (1975) Pumper Truck.

Final tally of association membership for 1992 stands at 159 paid memberships which is one more than 1991. Good job Anita and canvassers.

### Volunteers Needed

The fall newsletter plea for people willing to step forward for association offices seems to have fallen on deaf ears. The heart of your lake association is the willingness of people to get involved and do their part. In the dead of winter it is difficult to turn your attention to the needs of your second home, but really, now is the time to make some personal commitments and bring your talents to bear for the long term good of the lake community.

The present officers have been in place for 6 years and as long as those people are willing to stand, the rest of you just hold back. This year it is not to be that way and if the association is to continue, and all of those that responded to that question on the questionnaire said it should, then some new people must come forth to assume the responsibilities and provide direction. Get that fall newsletter out again and see where you can fit. It is in your best interests to do so. The year 1993 is a S.L.C.A. election year.

### Proposed Amendments To The Hastings County Official Plan

The results of the Lake Capacity study that were presented last April assisted in the updating of the Official County Plan. The details of that plan are more than can be included in this newsletter but Section 7.3.1 of the amendments addressing development states: "The development of lands abutting a water body will be based on the trophic status of the water body, its capacity to sustain additional development, and its effect on the scenic and environmental quality of the area". Copies are available if you should care to read the entire document. No further severences will be considered on Steenburg Lake.

I believe this plan answers most of our fears about overactive developers, however, it does not preclude some type of back-lot or second-tier development. Councils will have to sort that out and the association will be there to assist vigorously.

### Obituary

Colin McKenzie, cottage #150, a resident of Cobourg passed away on November 11th.

### 1993 Association Dues

Please mail in your 1993 dues to Anita Waddell. They are still a modest \$20.00 per year. Mailing them in will save a lot of foot work and recalls in the spring by your canvassers. Do it now while the reminder is fresh and then it is done for the year

#### STEENBURG LAKE WASTE DISPOSAL SURVEY SUMMARY

Systems Surveyed: 164 (1/93)

'Types and number in use

Septic	Privies*	Holding Tank	Chemical	Other
131	10	18	1	4
System upgrades under consideration				23

'Routing of Kitchen Waste

Septic	Dry Well	Lch	Fld.	Sand Bed	Hold	Tank	None	Other
106	26	5	7	9	3	8		
Septic systems installed prior to EPA (1974) :								30

\* Privies used on a regular basis, not as back up  
164 out of 204 cottages have responded to date